

# 'Most' Major Leaguers Produced in L.A.



THIRD BASEMAN... Mike Teggart of El Camino College is a former All-CIF player at Aviation. His team is in fourth place in the Metropolitan Conference with a 6-7 record.

Los Angeles is the single biggest source of major league baseball talent in the nation and this year the domination is even more pronounced than ever.

Los Angeles City Schools sports publicist Jerry Weiner made his annual survey of major league spring training rosters last week and came up with the rather startling statistic that 33 products of L.A. city high schools were on the "big club" player list during the conditioning season.

Of the 33 L.A. city prepsters, 18 were born Angelenos. In addition, 13 other erstwhile major leaguers list Los Angeles on their birth certificates, but won their high school spurs elsewhere.

Gone from the major league camps of a year ago are Ted Bashore (Belmont), Atlanta outfielder; John Werhas (San Pedro) Los Angeles-Washington third baseman; Earl Battey (Jordan), Minnesota catcher; Barry Latman (Fairfax), Houston pitcher; and Eddie

Bressound (Washington), New York Mets shortstop.

Nevertheless, the '68 L.A. city schools total compares favorably to the 26 of 1966. In the National League, Houston's Astros have a definite "L.A. look" with eight whom they took to training, while Los Angeles' Dodgers had three and world champion St. Louis Cardinals two. Philadelphia Phillies manager Gene Mauch is a Fremont High grad and was considered better in football as a prep than baseball. Cincinnati coach Joe Amalfitano is claimed by San Pedro. Only Atlanta and Chicago went into training without at least one city-trained diamond hand.

The American League is represented by ex-L.A. prep baseballers except at Detroit and Minnesota. Cleveland's Indians led with four, followed by Baltimore, Chicago, and Washington, two apiece.

★ ★ ★ TWENTY-TWO L.A. city schools are represented—led by Fremont, five. Cleveland, Dorsey, Fairfax, Reseda, San

Fernando, Van Nuys, and Venice each have two; Banning, Birmingham, Canoga Park, Gardena, Grant, Jefferson, Manual Arts, Monroe, North Hollywood, Roosevelt, South Gate, Taft, University, and Westchester, one apiece.

The National League complement at Houston includes pitchers Larry Dierker (Taft), Larry Sherry (Fairfax), and Tom Griffin (Grant); catcher Ron Brand (North Hollywood); shortstop Leon McFadden (Fremont); outfielders Alonzo Harris and Bob Watson (Fre-

mont), and Norm Miller (Van Nuys).

The Dodgers' retinue still includes pitching mainstay Don Drysdale (Van Nuys) and outfielder Willie Davis (Roosevelt), plus outfielder Willie Crawford (Fremont), bright prospect for the future. St. Louis has outfielders Dick Simpson (Venice) and Bob Tolan (Fremont).

Other National League rostered players include Bob (Shorty) Raudman (Monroe), Cincinnati outfielder; Don Shaw (Cleveland), New York

Mets pitcher; Larry Colton (Westchester), Philadelphia pitcher; Dock Ellis (Gardena), Pittsburgh pitcher; and Jack Hiatt (San Fernando), San Francisco catcher.

American League players include Don Buford (Dorsey) and Paul Blair (Manual Arts), second baseman-outfielder and outfielder, respectively; Baltimore; Mark Schaeffer (Cleveland), Boston pitcher; Jim McGlothlin (Reseda) and Wally Wolf (South Gate), California pitchers; Tommy McCraw (Venice) and Charles

(Buddy) Bradford (San Fernando), first baseman and outfielder, respectively; Chicago; second baseman Vern Fuller (Canoga Park); pitcher Gary Kroll (Reseda), first baseman Tony Horton (University), and outfielder Lee Maye (Jefferson), Cleveland; Ken Poulsen (Birmingham), New York Yankees infielder; Rene Lachemann (Dorsey); Oakland catcher; first baseman Mike Epstein (Fairfax) and Dick Nen (Banning), Washington.

## Three Attractions Set For Ascot Park Weekend

Drivers from all parts of the West will invade Gardena's Ascot Park this weekend to battle for more than \$7,500 in prize money for three racing cards at the speedway.

Kicking off the weekend will be Saturday night's 50-lap CRA Indianapolis-type sprint car racing card.

Sunday night the NASCAR late model stock cars make their 1968 season debut with a 100-lap feature on the same oval. Sunday afternoon the PRA early model stock cars and foreign events will compete in a eight-event card starting at 2:15 p.m.

Defending CRA sprint car driving champion Billy Wilkerson of El Monte will be looking for his second straight win at Ascot in his Chevy V-8-powered mount owned by Ernie Duncan of La Habra.

Wilkerson edged out point leader Bob Hogle of Buena Park by less than a car length in last week's 50-lap final. The two dueling wheel to

wheel during the better part of the 25-mile race. Hogle will be piloting the famed Morales Bros. Offenhauser-powered "Tamale Wagon" from Anaheim in which he won the 1963 CRA driving title.

Other top-rated drivers signed for Saturday evening's eight-event show include Paul Jones of Torrance.

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